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DETROIT POLICE CLOSE TWO HOMICIDE CASES

Aug. 2009 case closed

Detroit Police have closed an August 2009 double shooting that left one man dead and another seriously injured, Chief Warren Evans said today.

On Saturday, Detroit police placed 25-year-old Douglas Martin in custody for the August 12th shooting of two men, including George Duncan, 46, who died as a result of his injuries.

According to investigators, officers responded to a priority run in the 11200 block of Morang on the city's east side at 5:30 PM, where they found Duncan fatally wounded. A second victim, a friend of Duncan's, also was shot and drove himself to the hospital. According to the 31-year-old man, he and Duncan were going to a local store to purchase some DVDs when they were approached by an unknown person – later identified as Martin – running toward them armed with a Tec-9 or Mack-10 or similar high powered weapon.

Martin then allegedly fired several rounds (striking both men as they stood outside of a red Dodge Charger).

After a thorough investigation, Homicide investigators identified Martin as the shooter and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Fayette County (Kentucky) law enforcement officers recently notified the Detroit Police Department that Martin was incarcerated in their jurisdiction on drug related charges. He was extradited to Detroit and arraigned.

"Our thanks go out to officers in Fayette County for their work arresting Mr. Martin on new charges in their jurisdiction," Chief Evans said. "Their good work has helped bring closure to a family here in Detroit."

This past weekend Martin was extradited to Detroit, and was arraigned Monday on charges of Murder, Assault with Intent to Murder, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Use of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony. Martin was remanded to the Wayne County Jail.

Sept. 2009 case closed

On Tuesday, officers from DPD's Special Response Team (SRT) working on an anonymous tip located and arrested Reginald Salter (36) for the September 17, 2009 murder of a 37-year-old male victim on city's west side.

The investigation revealed that Salter and his victim, Karlos West, had a physical altercation earlier during the year, and Salter was upset with the outcome. West and his girlfriend heard noises coming from the side of the house as they left their home in the 5900 block of Philip shortly after midnight. As West went to look, Salter emerged from the darkness and fired several shots. West and his girlfriend ran down the block, only a couple of houses, before West collapsed to the ground. West was taken to a nearby hospital but succumbed to his injuries.

Officers received an anonymous tip that Salter was hiding at a residence located in the 500 block of Mt. Vernon. Officers arrived at the location and apprehended Salter without any incidents. Salter will be arraigned on felony charges of Murder 1st degree, Felon in Possession, Felony Firearm and Habitual 4.

"With the help of a citizen, we have been able to close this case and hopefully bring a measure of peace to Mr. West's family and friends," stated Chief Warren Evan. "Our homicide investigators do excellent work, but it is the active involvement of everyday citizens that makes the difference in most cases."

Anyone with information on a homicide or any other criminal activity can anonymously text tips to the Detroit Police at 847411. All tip messages must begin with the letters DPD to be routed to Detroit Police.

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